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QUEER SCENES IN A NEW YORK JOINT.

Members of the Tender Sex in the Roles of Bulls and Bears—Depend on Tips from Spiritland and Elsewhere—How They Differ from Male Gamblers.

SCATTERED along Broadway, between Twenty-second and Thirty-third streets, in New York city, are half a dozen gambling houses for women. They are not far from banks, neither do they expose a roulette wheel or a little black and white horse to any of the recognized gambling implements. The fluctuations in the prices of stocks and grain are used instead, and upon the quotations recorded by the ticker the betting is done. Externally, these gambling houses are to all appearances the same as the uptown branches of the large brokerage firms. They are only open from 10 o'clock in the morning until 1 in the afternoon, and all of them offer special inducements to women. For five hours daily they are crowded with women, who gamble with the same avidity displayed by their sisters at the race tracks and in the city pool rooms before the latter were closed by law.

"Bucket shop" is the name given to these concerns in the slang of Wall street, and to those who are versed in matters financial the term conveys the knowledge that in them stock gambling can be carried on in a much smaller way than is the case in the offices of legitimate brokers.

Five shares of stock can be bought or sold upon a margin of one to ten. Profits are unrestricted if the speculator is lucky enough to make a profit, and additional margins are accepted without limit.

The "bucket shop" like every gambling game, has its percentage in favor of the proprietor. This percentage lies in the charge of a quarter of 1 per cent in the way of "commission." Where stock is purchased the "commission" is added to the contract price, but where it is sold the "commission" is deducted. For instance, the price of St. Paul being 61, the bucket shop gambler who desires to purchase it receives a memorandum to the effect that for \$10 the proprietor of the bucket shop has purchased for his or her account ten shares of St. Paul at 61. If, upon the other hand, the stock is sold at 61, the notice reads "60 1/2."

Boarding house landladies of the bet or class milliners and dressmakers, who can spare a few hours from their everyday avocations, are peculiarly susceptible to the inducements offered by the bucket shop. At 10 o'clock they assemble in the stuffy, sparsely furnished room provided for their accommodations, and for five long hours hang breathlessly over the ticker, eagerly watching the tape as it records the ever-varying fluctuations of the stock market.

Some of these women are bulls, others are bears. Those who have bought stock in anticipation of a rise belong to the former class; those who have sold, expecting a decline, are among the latter.

There are plungers among them, too, and every bucket-shop proprietor will tell you of a score of women who will not hesitate to risk a thousand dollars on the fluctuations of a single point in their favorite stock. They almost invariably speculate upon tips given to them by some one of their male friends directly or indirectly connected with some Wall street house. Their faces are familiar to one another and to the proprietors of the establishment frequented by them, but except in a very few instances their real names are never divulged.

One of the boldest in the ranks of these petty stock gamblers is a woman of large physique. She always dresses in rather shabby black, and is the proprietress of a fashionable boarding house in Fifth avenue. It is not an unusual thing for her to win or lose \$500 on a single day. Her usual medium of speculation is sugar, which is the slang term for the certificates of the consolidated American sugar refineries.

Another is a little, weazen-faced old maid of probably fifty summers, who has been a frequenter of the bucket shops for the past fifteen years. Ten dollars is the maximum amount risked.

by her at any time, and she is particularly known for the violence of her temper and the sharpness of her tongue.

Still another is a confirmed spiritualist, with implicit faith in the tips she receives from her husband in the spirit land. These tips come to her through a well-known spiritualistic medium in Twenty-second street, and are always accompanied by a request for a pint bottle of good whisky, which she religiously delivers to the medium and firmly believes is consumed by her former matrimonial partner. These women around the "ticks" have their superstitions, and will tell you that stocks are always sure to go down on a rainy day and up when the sun is shining.

They look upon Tuesday as a "bull" day, and invariably expect a decline on Friday. They bear their losses quite as philosophically as the men, and no one ever hears of a feminine bucket-shop speculator complaining to the police that she has been swindled. Persistence is one of their characteristics, and many of them have been known to cling to a losing deal for a year rather than accept defeat.

A CANINE HERO
Uses Instinct of High Order in Saving Its Companion.

The writer witnessed the following little incident on the Thames, near Twickenham, when the river was full of land-water and therefore very swift and dangerous.

Two dogs—one a large animal, the other a little—were enjoying a swim near the bank, but soon the little one was carried out some distance and was unable to get to shore.

By this time the big dog had regained the shore and seeing what was happening to his companion, began running backward and forward in the most excited manner, at the same time whimpering and barking and evidently not knowing for the moment what to do. The terrier was lost losing strength, and although swimming hard, was being rapidly carried down stream.

The big dog could contain himself no longer. Running some yards ahead of his struggling friend, he plunged into the water and swam vigorously straight out until he got in a line with the little head just appearing behind him. Then he allowed himself to be carried down, tail first, until he got next to the terrier, this being accomplished in the cleverest manner, and began to swim hard, gradually pushing the little one nearer and nearer to the shore, which was gained after a most exciting time.

The fact of this canine hero going so far ahead to allow for the strong current, and the judgment shown in getting alongside, and then the pushing, certainly seemed to me to be token instinct of a very high order.

TWO LONDON SUICIDES
Tell of the Most Love Affair of an Artist's Brother.

A London paper publishes a romantic story which is said to be sequel to the suicide of Captain the Hon. Charles Howard, brother of the earl of Eppingham, who killed himself with a pistol at his residence in London a few days since. Capt. Howard, who was a captain in the Coldstream guards, at one time was married to the eldest daughter of the earl of Winchester and Nottingham. According to the story told, the death of Capt. Howard was brought about by his infatuation with a young and pretty woman who shot herself. A friend of Mrs. Bloss, the young woman referred to, is quoted as saying that Capt. Howard often visited her and that some days previous to his suicide, the captain was informed that his wife was aware of his intimacy with Mrs. Bloss, and that she had taken steps necessary to commence a suit for divorce against him. The captain and Mrs. Bloss were about to be married, and they were to have been married on the day that they determined to die in each other's company. With this object in view Capt. Howard and Mrs. Bloss are said to have purchased poison, with the intention of partaking of it together, but something seems to have made them change their minds, for the captain shot himself with a revolver at his home, where he was found dead by a servant, sitting in a chair in the smoking room apparently asleep. Mrs. Bloss, at a ready stated, shot herself the same day.

MARRIED ON THE HIGHWAY.
An Indiana Couple Introduce a Novel Wedding Ceremony.

A social event that was to occur in Hamilton township, near Muncie, Ind., is all off. John Dick and Miss Maggie Ford were to have been married soon. The other day John was coming to Muncie to secure his marriage license and, in passing the home of his affianced, invited her to accompany him. She consented. As they were returning home they met Elder George Moore in a buggy. In a joking manner he was asked to marry them. The elder said he would if they had the license. The young man proudly produced the papers and Brother George told them to start up and clap hands. They did so, and before an explanation could be made the preacher named them husband and wife. He kept the return papers and filed them last week with the county clerk. There was a bit of romance connected with the affair and a surprise party all around. George and the girl consented to let it go at that and no further ceremony will occur.

Assaulted by Women.
Patrick Fahey, a well-known contractor of Wilmington, Del., is suffering from the effects of an assault by three young women. Fahey quarreled with Martin Daley, a sub-contractor, and during the dispute Daley was knocked down. Daley went to his home and his three daughters said they would have revenge. The girls found Fahey on the street talking to a woman friend. In an instant one of the Daley girls struck Fahey a blow on the head with her fist. The other girls followed up the attack, and Fahey found difficulty in escaping.

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SAYS HE IS NOT INSANE.
Fremdergast Wants to Plead and Prove Justification for His Crimes.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Fremdergast, the slayer of Mayor Harrison, whose trial is set next week, is not pleased at the defense his attorneys have decided on. "They propose to enter a plea of insanity," said he. "I shall object to that. I want to acknowledge the commission of the crime and plead and prove justification."

A FATAL INITIATION.
A Boy 12 Years Old Meets Death Under Peculiar Circumstances.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 29.—Charles Willis, 12 years old, was shot and killed last night while being initiated into a secret society composed of youngsters whose ages run from 12 to 15 years. The society was called the "S. S. S. S." the letters standing for Seven Secrets' Silent Shades. The boys' minds had evidently become inflamed by blood and thunder literature, had a cave in the outskirts of the city, the walls of the retreat being hung with pistols, old muskets, a few swords and other warlike arrangements.

The entire S. S. S. S. was arrested, but most of them declined to say anything concerning the killing, as to do so was contrary to their oaths. Some of them, however, were frightened into telling enough of the occurrence to enable the coroner's jury to bring in a verdict of accidental death.

MAY BE READY THIS WEEK.
Efforts to Complete the New Tariff Bill—On the Free List.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The ways and means committee hopes to complete the new tariff bill and make it public about the end of the present week. A fever is expressed by some of the Democratic members that the differences which have recently arisen among their number over the policy of an income tax may prolong the final completion of the measure until a later date, but every effort will be made to get the bill before the public at the earliest possible moment.

THE CARLIN RELIEF PARTY.
Little Hope That the General's Son Is Yet Alive.

MISSOULA, Mont., Nov. 29.—A courier has been sent back to Fort Missoula from the relief party that started out some time ago to search for General Carlin's son with the information that a permanent camp has been established about three miles above Lolo Hot springs, forty-five miles from this city. The snow at this point is seven feet deep, and considerable difficulty was experienced in hauling wagons and supplies into camp. It is not regarded as likely that a party of pleasure seekers composed principally of men unused to privation would be able to long survive such hardships.

CAN'T FIGHT IN FLORIDA.
Governor Mitchell Won't Allow the Corbett-Mitchell Fight in His State.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Nov. 29.—Governor Mitchell has just returned to the city after a week's absence, and in response to a question as to his intention with reference to the Corbett-Mitchell fight said: "I do not think that the fight will take place in Florida. I shall issue a proclamation directing every sheriff to do his utmost to prevent the fight coming off in this state and appealing to the people in the several counties to co-operate with the sheriffs in saving them and their state from such a disgrace."

Fire at Baldwin, Kan.
BALDWIN, Kan., Nov. 29.—Last night about 12 o'clock fire was discovered in the second story of M. L. Crosby's hardware store, and before sufficient aid could be had three two-story buildings and two one-story buildings were destroyed. The losses are as follows: Levi Rodwell, three buildings, \$2,000; no insurance; J. C. Miller, furniture and undertaking, \$3,000; insurance, \$2,000; M. L. Crosby, hardware, \$1,500; insurance, \$500; R. W. Bailey, shoe store, \$500; no insurance; J. L. Mosley, building, \$700; insurance, \$600; J. M. Starr, barber, and W. A. Hyde, jeweler, loss from removal of goods, \$300. This, with damage to other buildings, makes a total loss of \$5,500.

Aid for Starving Miners.
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 29.—Governor Peck has taken official notice of the situation among the starving miners at Hurley and will this week issue a call to the people of Wisconsin for food and clothing to relieve the distress.

NEWS IN BRIEF.
England has ordered that no more of her naval ships enter San Francisco harbor, because so many of her sailors desert there.

Two detectives now guard the home of H. N. Higginbotham, resident of the world's fair. Two suspicious men have been loitering in the vicinity of the president's residence, and fears of cranks caused Mr. Higginbotham to ask for police protection.

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